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3192	4/13/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
3193	4/13/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
3194	4/14/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Los Angeles	1	yes	
3195	4/6/49	Report of Special Agent Small	2	yes	
3196	4/8/49	Report of Special Agent Kerr	5	yes	
3197	4/12/49	Report of Special Agent Innes	2	yes	
3198	4/12/49	Baltimore memo to Director	1	yes	
3199	4/13/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	2	yes	
3200	4/13/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
3201	4/13/49	Memo to New York from Director	1	yes	
3202	4/14/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
3203	4/14/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	

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3204	4/14/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
3205	4/14/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
3206	4/14/49	New York teletype to Pittsburgh, Bureau, Washington Field Office	2	yes	
3207	4/11/49	Los Angeles letter to Director	2	yes	
3208	4/15/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Los Angeles	1	yes	
3209	4/15/49	New York teletype to Washington Field	1	no	released in full
3210	4/15/49	Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
3211	4/15/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	2	yes	
3212	4/15/49	New York letter to Director	2	yes	
3213	4/14/49	Letter to Washington Field Office from Director	1	yes	
3214	4/15/49	Memo to New York from Director	1	yes	
3215	4/18/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	

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3216	4/15/49	Memo to New York from Director	4	yes	
3217	4/15/49	Letter to Boston from New York	1	no	released in full
3218	4/18/49	New York letter to Director	1	yes	
3219	4/14/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
3220	4/14/49	Report of Special Agent Blakesley	7	yes	
3221	4/15/49	Chicago letter to New Orleans	1	no	released in full
3222	4/18/49	Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
3223	4/18/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
3224	4/18/49	Boston memo to New York	1	no	released in full
3225	4/11/49	Memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
3226	4/14/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	2	yes	
3227	4/18/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	

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3228	4/18/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
3229	4/19/49	New York teletype to Newark, Bureau	1	yes	
3230	4/19/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Los Angeles, Washington Field Office	2	yes	
3231	4/14/49	Philadelphia memo to New York	1	no	released in full
3232	4/15/49	Memo to New York from Director	1	yes	
3233	4/14/49	New York letter to Director	1	yes	
3234	4/18/49	Report of Special Agent Taylor	10	yes	
3235	4/12/49	Report of Special Agent O'Brien	12	yes	
3236	4/14/49	Washington Field Office memo to Director	1	yes	
3237	4/14/49	Washington Field Office memo to Director	1	yes	
3238	4/15/49	Memo of Special Agent Tuohy	1	no	released in full
3239	4/13/49	Report of Special Agent Aulenbacher	11	yes	

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3240	4/18/49	Report of Special Agent Anderson	31	yes	
3241	4/20/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
3242	4/20/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Los Angeles, Washington Field Office	6	yes	
3243	4/19/49	Report of Special Agent Connors	12	yes	
3244	4/19/49	Memo to Director from Washington Field Office	1	yes	
3245	4/21/49	Memo of Special Agent Wirth	2	no	released in full
3246	4/21/49	Memo to New York from Director	2	yes	
3247	4/19/49	Memo to Washington Field Office from Philadelphia	1	no	(see attached)
3248	4/19/49	Memo to Washington Field Office from Director	1	yes	
3249	4/20/49	Letter to Director from New Haven	2	yes	
3250	4/21/49	New York letter to Director	2	yes	
3251	4/21/49	New York letter to Buffalo	1	no	released in full

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3252	4/21/49	New York teletype to Washington Field	2	no	released in full
3253	4/20/49	Charlotte letter to Director	1	yes	
3254	4/22/49	Boston teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
3255	4/22/49	New Orleans teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
3256	4/21/49	Memo to New York from Special Assistant Attorney General	1	no	released in full
3257	4/24/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
3258	4/22/49	Boston teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
3259	4/21/49	New York letter to Washington Field Office	2	no	(see attached)
3260	4/22/49	New York teletype to Washington Field	1	no	released in full
3261	4/15/49	San Francisco letter to Director	1	yes	
3262	4/20/49	Letter to Legat Paris from Director	5	yes	
3263	4/25/49	Bureau letter to New York	1	yes	

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3264	4/25/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
3265	4/25/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York, Boston	1	yes	
3266	4/25/49	New York letter to Omaha	1	yes	
3267	4/26/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York, Director	1	yes	
3268	4/18/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
3269	4/21/49	Memo of Special Agent McCorry	2	no	released in full
3270	4/22/49	Memo of Special Agent McCorry	3	no	released in full
3271	4/26/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
3272	4/26/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
3273	4/26/49	New York letter to Director	1	yes	
3274	4/26/49	Boston teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
3275	4/25/49	Memo of Special Agent Spencer	1	no	released in full

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3276	4/26/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
3277	4/26/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
3278	4/27/49	Memo of Special Agent Kelly	1	no	released in full
3279	4/26/49	Memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
3280	4/21/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	2	yes	
3281	4/22/49	Report of Special Agent Wilson	9	yes	
3282	4/26/49	Omaha letter to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
3283	4/26/49	Memo to New York from Omaha	1	yes	
3284	4/26/49	Director Letter to Washington Field Office from	1	yes	
3285	4/27/49	Memo of Special Agent Spencer	2	no	released in full
3286	4/26/49	Buffalo memo to New York	1	no	released in full
3287	4/26/49	Letter to Omaha from Boston	2	yes	

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3288	4/27/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Baltimore	1	yes	
3289	4/27/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
3290	4/27/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
3291	4/27/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
3292	4/26/49	Memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
3293	4/15/49	Report of Special Agent Todd	4	yes	
3294	4/28/49	Memo of Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
3295	4/25/49	Report of Special Agent O'Keefe	44	yes	
3296	4/27/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau New York	1	yes	
3297	4/28/49	New York letter to Omaha	1	yes	
3298	4/28/49	New York letter to Omaha	1	yes	
3299	4/28/49	New York letter to Boston	1	no	released in full

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3300	4/28/49	New York letter to Omaha	1	yes	
3301	4/28/49	New York letter to Omaha	1	yes	
3302	4/20/49	Report of Special Agent Neagle	12	yes	
3303	4/25/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
3304	4/26/49	Report of Special Agent O'Donoghue	2	yes	
3305	4/27/49	Report of Special Agent Alker	3	yes	
3306	8/5/43	Report of Special Agent Phillips	4	yes	
3307	1/2/43	Report of Special Agent Heald	15	yes	
3308	4/25/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	2	yes	
3309	4/27/49	Albany letter to Director	4	yes	
3310	4/14/49	Memo to New York from Director	1	yes	
3311	4/25/49	Report of Special Agent Neagle	13	yes	

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Director, FBI

April 23, 1949

SAC, New York

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Rebutel March 15, 1949, re HENRY RHINE. SAAG DONEGAN advises
that no indication RHINE has information of value to matters being con-
sidered by Grand Jury at the present time, he does not contemplate issuance
of subpoena at this time.

cc: Philadelphia

JMK:FBI
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SPECIAL DELIVERY

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SAC, Boston

April 28, 1949

SAC, New York

JAHAM;
PFRJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reurtel April 26, 1949, requesting a photograph of Mrs. Alger Hiss taken in 1937.

Enclosed herewith is a photograph of Mrs. Hiss taken on August 13, 1937. It need not be returned.

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Enclosure

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DIRECTOR AND SAC.....ROUTINE

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LAST RE INVESTIGATION AT HOTEL MARTINIQUE. MANAGER D. WILLARD FOSTER
HOTEL MARTINIQUE, REPORTS SEVERAL GUEST INDEX BOOKS ARE MISSING. A-
MONG THOSE MISSING ARE THE BOOKS COVERING THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER
TWENTYTHREE, THIRTYSEVEN THROUGH SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, THIRTYNINE. AVAIL-
ABLE GUEST INDEX BOOKS COVERING PERIOD JULY, NINETEEN THIRTYFOUR THROU-
NOVEMBER TWENTYTHREE, NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN EXAMINED. MRS. ALGER HISS
OF WASHINGTON, DC CHECKED IN AT THE HOTEL ON JUNE SIXTEEN, THIRTYSIX
AND WAS ASSIGNED ROOM TWO NAUGHT ONE. THE BOOK FAILS TO INDICATE HER
DEPARTURE DATE. NO OTHER RECORD OF HISSES.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

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April 28, 1949

MEMO:

RE: JAHAM

gr Kelly

On the afternoon of April 27th, Mr. Leo Laughlin of the bureau called relative to Grand Jury Exhibits 47 and 48 in this case. He advised that the Laboratory had made its examinations based on photostatic copies and not on the originals of the State Department documents. The Laboratory feels that it is possible in the trial that the examiner would be asked if he had examined the originals and if not why not. The bureau has the original State Department documents now. It will take a full week of examination to go over these documents. Before undertaking this examination the Laboratory would like to know if a re-examination is needed based on the original documents.

Mr. Laughlin requested that we ascertain from Mr. Donegan or Mr. Murphy whether, in their opinion, this examination is needed and that we advise the Bureau of the results of our conversation.

I called Mr. Laughlin back on the afternoon of April 27th to advise him that by teletype dated April 18th the Bureau had advised that it had the original documents in its possession and had inquired whether the examination should be made. We had replied by teletype of April 18th that as Assistant United States Attorney Murphy had been sick a definite statement as to whether the exhibits would be used in the trial could not be obtained but that SAAG Donegan was of the opinion that the original documents should be examined.

Mr. Laughlin was advised that the same situation exists now as Murphy is still sick but that we are of the opinion the documents should be examined. Further, that we have discussed this with Assistant Director Connelley who, likewise, is of this opinion.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

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New York, New York

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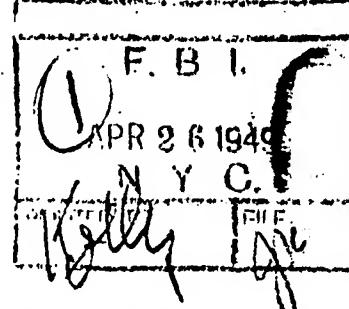
RE: JAHAM

On the afternoon of April 25, Mr. T. J. Donegan advised me that the Circuit Court of Appeals had reversed the conviction of WILLIAM ROSEN for contempt. The reversal was based on grounds that ROSEN had been questioned before the HCUA and because of that questioning might be placed in jeopardy if he answered questions before the Grand Jury.

This information was telephonically furnished to Mr. H.B. Fletcher at the Bureau on the afternoon of April 25, 1949,

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

AHD:AO



DIRECTOR, FBI

SAC, BOSTON

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PERJURY; ESPIONAGE (R)

4/26/49

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On April 13, 1949 Special Agent BRENTON S. TURGEON of this office interviewed Dr. JOHN K. FAIRBANK of Harvard University with reference to another matter and, in the course of the interview, FAIRBANK volunteered the following information:

While in Washington, D. C. he was closely associated in Government business and socially with ALGER HISS. He regards HISS as absolutely loyal and believes that by background and training he is representative of one of the best classes of American citizens. FAIRBANK stated if HISS were proven guilty of perjury in New York then FAIRBANK's faith in his associates at Harvard would be shattered.

FAIRBANK also noted that he had only recently discussed the HISS case with Federal Judge CHARLES WYZANSKI, who advised FAIRBANK that not only were his feelings identical with those of FAIRBANK but also that he, WYZANSKI, had agreed to take the stand as a character witness in New York on behalf of HISS. WYZANSKI is further alleged to have commented that his making himself available as a witness would be regarded as unusual by many, particularly since he was to be a witness for the defense in a criminal case. He felt he knew the defendant so well, however, that there was no choice open to him.

It is to be noted that Mrs. JOHN FAIRBANK was previously interviewed relative to her association with Mr. and Mrs. ALGER HISS. The purpose of this interview was to obtain any correspondence that may have been carried on between Mr. and Mrs. FAIRBANK and Mr. and Mrs. ALGER HISS.

The reliability of Dr. JOHN K. FAIRBANK is not known to the Boston Office.

On June 3 and 6, 1947 a confidential letter was submitted to the Director concerning the activities of Judge WYZANSKI. Also, on July 2, 1947 a confidential letter was submitted to the Director concerning a matter which had arisen in court during the testimony of a Special Agent of the Boston Office. On March 11 and March 20,

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In 1948, confidential letters were directed to the Bureau relative to information that had been received concerning Judge WYZANSKI. The contents of these letters to the Bureau concerning Judge WYZANSKI are not being forwarded to the New York Office. Providing it is deemed advisable, it is suggested that the Bureau furnish the contents of these letters to the New York Office.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York City
FROM *OK* SAC, Buffalo
SUBJECT: JAHAM

DATE: April 26, 1949

Reurlet April 21, 1949.

Enclosed is another copy of the report of SA ROBERT G. AULENBACHER dated April 13, 1949, at Buffalo.

RPL:ap
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4/26/49
This copy delivered
to T.J. Dorgan
JK

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United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

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gk [Signature]

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

On this date SA J. M. KELLY and the writer had a conference with SAAG T. J. DONEGAN in connection with the statement in this case which has been supplied by CHAMBERS. In a previous conference AUSA THOMAS MURPHY had indicated the probable desirability of leaving this statement unsigned. On this day Mr. DONEGAN stated that he had a telephone conversation with Mr. MURPHY at the latter's home on the previous day, and it was now both MURPHY'S and DONEGAN'S opinion that CHAMBERS should not sign the lengthy general statement that has been obtained from him over the course of the past several months.

DONEGAN pointed out that since CHAMBERS would be a Government witness and a friendly one, no material benefit could be gained by him signing this statement. He pointed out that on the other hand, if he did sign it, this fact might be brought out during the course of the trial, and although the statement might not be actually presented to the jury there was a possibility that the Judge might allow the defense attorneys to read the statement, which would probably result in some complications. It was pointed out to DONEGAN that CHAMBERS has already signed three rather brief statements but he indicated that he does not believe that these statements will cause any conflict if they are introduced, in view of the fact that they are brief and are concerned with specific matters. He pointed out that the statement in question, of course, is very lengthy and if the defense attorneys got their hands on it, they might use some of the material therein to at least cloud the issue.

DONEGAN suggested that although he is aware that this is contrary to the general Bureau custom, he felt that if the Bureau actually wanted



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the statement signed that arrangements could be made whereby CHAMBERS could set his signature to this statement subsequent to the trial. In the event that the Bureau has no objection to this procedure, it is contemplated that within the next few days a report, containing about 300 pages which will deal with the CHAMBERS statement, his background and the interview with Mrs. CHAMBERS, will be prepared.

In connection with quoting the statement in this report, the first paragraph dealing with the fact that CHAMBERS has voluntarily given this statement, etc. will be deleted and a substitute paragraph indicating that the following information was obtained from an interrogation of CHAMBERS will be supplied. } ok

In view of the length of this report, it is anticipated that copies will be sent only to those offices which have been conducting extensive investigations, such as the Washington Field, Baltimore, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, New Haven, Boston and Philadelphia.

It is to be noted that all of the stencils have been cut and upon receipt of the Bureau's views as to the signing or not signing of the CHAMBERS statement, this report could go forward within a week or less after receipt of Bureau's comments.

THOMAS G. SPENCER, SA

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Bureau by Murphy.
Bureau desires of their request
of signature & that in
view of their request
statement will not be
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New York, 7, New York

MEMO:

Re: ACTIVITIES OF THE FEDERAL GRAND
JURY, SDNY, HEARING ESPIONAGE
MATTERS

APRIL 27, 1949
MR. BELMONT
MR. COLEMAN
MR. CHANVILLE
MR. COOPER
MR. DUGAN
MR. FISHER
MR. HUGHES
MR. MARCHESAULT
MR. MOYNIHAN
MR. NOONE
NIGHT SUPERVISOR
MR. QUINN
MR. RING
MR. SCHAFFER
MR. TROY
MR. VASTRETT
MR. WALKER
PROPERTY CLERK
TRAINING UNIT

At 12:50 p.m., on April 26, 1949 I advised Mr. Leo Laughlin that the Grand Jury had made a presentment along the lines of the sample which this office previously forwarded to the Bureau. The presentment was brought up by the Grand Jury shortly after noon on April 26, 1949. The foreman held a press conference and undoubtedly there will be publicity on this.

A. H. BELMONT, ASAC

2 photostat copies of presentment attached hereto.
Send one to Bureau

For file # 16-3779
Bureau 4/28
FBI Serial 3779

4/27/49
Letter rough drafted
for

AHB/rbj

See Exhibit # 16-3779

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F. B. I.
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New York, N. Y.



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MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM
(ALEXANDER GREGORY GRAFF-BAR'INE)

Rerep SA J. W. Kelly, 12-23-48, at NYC, page 89.

BAR'INE has now advised SA F. X. Plant that he has determined that the couple referred to by him as living in Westchester County are JONATHAN MITCHELL and his wife, DORIS STEVENS; that MITCHELL was once a representative of the New Republic in Washington, D. C., but quit when that publication began to condone fellow travelers of Communism. BAR'INE also told SA Plant that MITCHELL and his wife are friends of WESTBROOK PEGLER and live near PEGLER on Croton-on-Hudson.

SA Plant also learned from BAR'INE that he was introduced to this couple by Col. TRUMAN C. SMITH, who is listed in the Manhattan telephone directory as residing at 179C West 12th Street, New York City, telephone WA 9-8119.

Assistant Director E. J. Connelley has requested that SMITH be interviewed and it is suggested that MITCHELL and wife also be interviewed in connection with the circumstances related by BAR'INE and for any additional relevant information they may possess.

J. W. KELLY,
Special Agent

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Mitchell Stevens
interviewed & separated.
Say they don't know Col. Smith
Bar'ine apparently mistaken
Smith not interviewed. Searched
with Agent Director E. J. Connelley.

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MEMORANDUM:

RE: JAHAM

On this date the writer talked to Ken Delavigne of the Washington Field Office and pointed out the discrepancies appearing in the report of Special Agent John J. Walsh dated February 24, 1949, in the above-entitled matter, relating to the leases and telephone records in connection with HISS' residence at 30th Street and Volta Place.

On page 4 of this report the Potomac Telephone Company records indicate that the telephone service at 1245 - 30th Street was disconnected on December 29, 1937, and was connected at 3415 Volta Place on December 29, 1937.

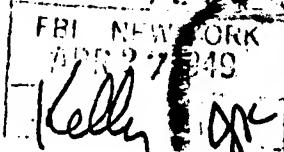
On page 5 there appears information to the effect that the lease at 1245 - 30th Street, between SARAH W. S. MILLER and ALGER HISS, extended from September 1, 1937, to August 31, 1938, and between ALGER HISS and EDWARD D. HOLLANDER at 1245 - 30th Street from January 1, 1938, to August 31, 1938. This report also reflects that a lease was entered into between CATHERINE H. FLANAGAN and ALGER HISS for the address at 3415 Volta Place from October 1, 1938, to September 30, 1939, and another lease between FLANAGAN and HISS for 3415 Volta Place from January 1, 1938, to September 30, 1938.

Mr. Delavigne was also asked when the information concerning the examination of the known handwriting specimens of HARRY WHITE could be expected. Later this afternoon Special Agent Bert Zander of the Washington Field Office called and stated that in connection with the HARRY WHITE material, some difficulty was being experienced in getting at these records, and that this information could not possibly be expected until some time next week.

In connection with the discrepancies as to the leases and the telephone records, Zander stated that this was being checked out and the New York Office would be advised by teletype as soon as these discrepancies had been taken care of.

T. G. SPENCER,
Special Agent

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JAHAM, PERJURY, IS-C, ESPIONAGE -R. IF AVAILABLE, PLEASE FORWARD TO THIS OFFICE PHOTOGRAPH OF MRS. ALGER HISS TAKEN IN NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN IN ORDER THAT IT MAY BE EXHIBITED ALONG WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF ALGER HISS AND CHAMBERS TO LUCY ELLIOTT DAVIS, WHO WAS OWNER OF BLEAK HOUSE, PETERBORO, N. H., AT THE TIME CHAMBERS AND ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN THERE.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

April 22, 1949

RE: JAHAM
ESPIONAGE - R

Background and Personal History of HENRY RHINE.

HENRY RHINE was born on 8/23/08 at NYC (not verified) and presently resides at 3218 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. He attended evening session of CCNY in Brooklyn, New York, from 2/19/26 to January of 1929 at which time he discontinued his studies. During this period he completed approximately one full term of work, and his grades were average. His courses were primarily English language studies.

His employment record, as obtained from his H.R.A. personnel file, is as follows:

- 1925-1926 - Alexander Hotel, NYC, bellhop.
- 1926-1927 - Workman's Circle, 175 E. Broadway, NYC, as accountant and bookkeeper.
- 1927-1929 - Department of Public Welfare, New York City, Custodian of Children, Pleasantville Branch.
- 11/6/33-3/31/36 N.R.A. - Washington, D.C. - Junior Assistant, Consumers' Advisory Board.

On October 26, 1935, subject was notified of his dismissal, to be effective on 11/15/35. This was later postponed until 3/31/36, the date of his actual release. Under date of 11/14/35, a letter from NRA Lodge #91, American Federation of Government Employees, was sent to L. J. MARTIN, Accounting Administrator, stating that subject had been dismissed because of union activities and was a case of obvious union discrimination.

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This letter was signed by JESSICA BUCK, Secretary, who was subject's wife. Subject was vice president of union.

4/1/36-5/1/36 Temporary appointment on Wheeler Senate Committee.

According to Selective Service records, RHINE married JESSICA BUCK RHINE at Batavia, Ohio, on 9/13/34, and has two children. These records further indicated he was hired on 6/13/37 as "ational Representative for the United Federal Workers of America, CIO.

A confidential informant of the Washington Field Office advised on January of 1943 that RHINE had been told by the Executive Committee of the Communist Party that he was not effective in his current work and would have to resign his position with U.F.W.A. RHINE was subsequently sent to Philadelphia, Pa. to work in a union in a minor position..

On January, 1949, the Bureau requested that RHINE be interviewed for any possible information he may have in connection with instant case. Agents of the Philadelphia office contacted RHINE telephonically at his home on 3/11/49. He claimed a slight illness and stated he would call back. On 3/14/49, he contacted the Philadelphia Office and declined to be interviewed.

The Bureau had requested RHINE be interviewed because his name and that of his wife, JESSICA BUCK RHINE, appeared on an anonymous letter addressed to the President of the United States on 4/14/44, which set forth a list of persons active in the underground apparatus of the Communist Party. It was determined that the writer of the letter was KATHERINE WILLS PERLO.

Following is the information concerning RHINE'S activities:

Prior to her marriage, HELEN MILLER, reputed Communist, lived with the RHINES in Washington, D.C.

RHINE a member of Tom Mooney's Defense Committee in D.C. in 1937

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An admitted former Communist, Orville Chester Miller, subject of a Custodial Detention card at the Washington Field office advised on 6/19/41 that HENRY RHINE was a Communist. He added that RHINE had contributed money to Communist movements.

A confidential informant of the Washington Field Office advised that RHINE could not be an organizer for the U.F.W.A. unless he was a Communist.

The Washington Post of 10/23/42 carried an advertisement urging all readers to write to the Capitol Transit Co., demanding that they hire negroes as operators. HENRY RHINE was listed as one of the sponsors.

In 1943 the name of HENRY RHINE appeared on the active indices of the Washington Committee for Democratic Action and also the American Peoples' Mobilization.

Records of the Investigative Division of the Civil Service Commission showed that HENRY RHINE was present at a rally in the National Press Club Auditorium protesting the suspension of HELEN MILLER, Labor Department Employee, alleged to be a Communist.

JOSEPH F. MC CORRY, SA



United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

April 21, 1949

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RE: JAHAM
ESPIONAGE - R

Background and Personal History of JESSICA BUCK RHINE

JESSICA BUCK RHINE was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1914. From November of 1933 to January of 1942, she was employed in various government agencies in Washington, D.C. She was married to HENRY RHINE in Batavia, Ohio on 9/13/34. Her present address is 825 Eugene Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

During her Government employment she was very active in unions and held various offices in the local wherever she was employed.

A confidential Informant of the Washington Field office advised on 11/7/41 that she was president of the United Federal Workers of America, CIO, local 13 in the Railroad Retirement Board. RHINE shared her apartment at one time on "P" Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. with ELEANOR NELSON and HELEN SCHNETZLER, aka HELEN MILLER. NELSON has been identified by informants as a member of the Communist Party, and MILLER was dismissed from the Labor Department in 1941 for Communist activities.

JESSICA RHINE'S friends were almost exclusively Communists. In 1943 she succeeded SADIE SOKOLOVE as president of Local 27, UFWA. She was subsequently active in Local 242 of the American Federation of Government Employees. The charter of this local was later lifted by the National Headquarters because of alleged Communist activities of RHINE and 4 other individuals.

JESSICA RHINE was a member of the Tom Mooney Defense Committee in Washington, D.C. and her name was listed on the active indices of both

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the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, and the American Peace Mobilization.

At the present time, she is employed by DON KROGER, Attorney, Security Trust Building, Indianapolis. She was formerly State Director for the Progressive Party for the State of Indiana.

On interview by Agents of the Indianapolis office on 3/11/49, JESSICA RHINE volunteered the information that she had been acquainted with VICTOR PERLO. She states that she is not now and never has been a member of the Communist Party.

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JAHAM. RENYLET APRIL TWENTYONE, LAST. PAUL L. BANFIELD, LANDON SCHOOL BETHESDA POST OFFICE, DC, ADVISES TIMOTHY HOBSON WAS A DAY STUDENT AT LANDON SCHOOL. RECORDS REFLECT CHARGE AS FOLLOWS, QUOTE FEBRUARY, NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN, SIX DAYS BOARD, TWELVE DOLLARS UNQUOTE. BANFIELD UNABLE TO DETERMINE IF THIS BILL WAS FOR BOARD FOR JANUARY OR FEBRUARY, THIRTYSEVEN. THIS INSTANCE ONLY ENTRY IN RECORDS INDICATING BOARD AT LANDON SCHOOL FOR HOBSON.

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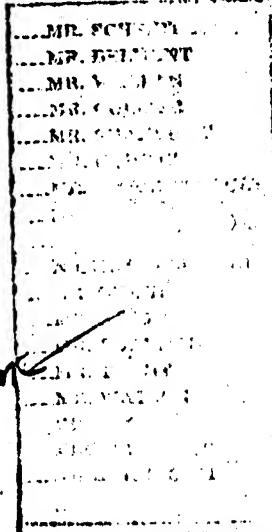
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Transmit the following Teletype message to: WASHINGTON FIELD ***** URGENT JAHAM. RERPT SA JOHN J. WALSH DATED FEBRUARY TWENTY FOUR, LAST, AT WFO, PAGE THIRTY THREE, RE INTERV W OF MRS. WILLIAM MC GREW JEFFERYS. IN LINE NINE IT APPEARS THAT SHE TOLD HISS SHE COULD NOT RECOGNIZE PHOTOGRAPH HE DISPLAYED TO HER AND WHICH HE SAID WAS CROSLEY. IN SECOND PARAGRAPH IT IS STATED THAT SHE COULD NOT IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPHS OF MR. AND MRS. CHAMBERS, AND IN THE LAST LINE OF THAT PARAGRAPH IT IS STATED, "HOWEVER, SHE RECOGNIZED THE PHOTOGRAPH OF CROSLEY THAT WAS DISPLAYED TO HER BY MR. HISS." FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SUMMARY REPORT BEING PREPARED, SUTEL TODAY EXACTLY WHAT MRS. JEFFERYS CAN TESTIFY TO RE IDENTIFICATION OF PHOTOGRAPH OF CHAMBERS.

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(Your File #74-94)

Information was furnished recently to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS by a close friend that there is a report circulating in New York, that CHAMBERS apparently had been a visitor at the ALGER HISS residence in Washington, D.C., more often than appeared in the public testimony concerning the HISS-CHAMBERS matter; that sometime in 1936 or later, HISS is supposed to have discovered that CHAMBERS was having homosexual relations with TIMOTHY HOBSON and thereupon HISS ordered CHAMBERS from the house and forbade him to return.

Further that CHAMBERS is supposed to have returned to the HISS home when he knew that ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS were not there and that on such occasions CHAMBERS had been admitted to the house by TIMOTHY HOBSON. It appears possible that the defense in the perjury prosecution of HISS may attempt to show that on these later occasions, CHAMBERS had access to the Woodstock typewriter without the knowledge of ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS, and prepared the so-called "Baltimore Papers" on this typewriter. CHAMBERS has vehemently denied that he has had any relations of this type with TIMOTHY HOBSON.

On page 8, of the report of SA JOHN J. MASH, dated February 28, 1949, at Washington, D.C., there is set out information as to the attendance of TIMOTHY HOBSON at the Landon School, Bethesda, Maryland, and it is noted that the records of that institute reflect he entered that school in September, 1936 and attended through June, 1940.

In order to make available to the prosecutive officials for possible rebuttal use, all obtainable information re the whereabouts of HOBSON during the period covering the time CHAMBERS alleges he received documents one through sixty-nine from HISS, it is requested that a highly discreet inquiry be made at the Landon School in an effort to ascertain whether HOBSON boarded at the school during his attendance there, particularly from January 1, 1938 through the end of the school term that Spring. If it is established that he was a boarding student, efforts should be made to determine if he spent weekends at home or otherwise had occasion to be home from the school during the pertinent period.

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Although PAUL L. BANFIELD, Headmaster of the Landon School, appears to have been fully cooperative with Bureau Agents, it should be borne in mind that he is apparently friendly with ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS. The defense is unaware of our knowledge of the above detailed story and accordingly investigation at the Landon School should be conducted most circumspectly in order not to reveal our possession of this information.

Assistant Director E. J. CONNELLY has requested that this inquiry receive immediate attention.

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Re report SA ROBERT G. AULENBACHER dated April 13, 1949, at
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Only two copies of three designated for New York of referenced
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Re: Report of Special Agent JAMES FERN, at Washington, dated April 6, 1949. On page nine of this report it is noted that T-5 [REDACTED] could furnish no information concerning ROBERT E. RAY. It is also noted that RENO named RAY WARNER as one of the persons who supervised his Communist Party activities in Washington, and that WARNER'S Party name was ROBERT E. RAY.

It is the recollection of Special Agent H. H. FINZEL, now assigned to this office, and who handled [REDACTED] at Washington, during 1947-1948, that this informant mentioned an individual named WARNER as a person active in the early formation of the group which subsequently became the UNITED FEDERAL WORKERS OF AMERICA, and who attended meetings on Eleventh Street when WILLIAM ALLEN was organizing the Communists in Government service, 1935-1938.

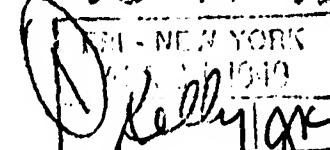
It is possible that the WARNER mentioned [REDACTED] might well be identical with RAY WARNER (ROBERT E. RAY). Reference report does not indicate whether [REDACTED] was questioned as to her knowledge of RAY WARNER but only concerning ROBERT E. RAY. If this has not already been done, therefore, it is requested that [REDACTED] be recontacted concerning her knowledge as to the present whereabouts of RAY WARNER. /W/P /WF/ea

Reference report also indicated that SOPHIA MINKIN may have come to Philadelphia around 1938, and may have married the editor of The Pilot (MMU). If the Washington Field Office can further identify this editor, the Philadelphia Office will be in a position to locate for interview the former SOPHIA MINKIN as to the present whereabouts of ROBERT E. RAY (RAE). /L/M/ea

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York 7, New York

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
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April 21, 1949

MEMO

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Informant- STERLING WATLINGTON
321 East 54th Street
New York City

Mr. WATLINGTON telephoned the writer at 10:45 A.M. from his office in the Murin Company Advertising, Time and Life Building, New York, telephone Circle-7-6641. He gave the writer a telephone booth number in the building, Circle 7-9780, because he explained he did not wish anyone at his office to overhear his conversation. Mr. WATLINGTON is a former room-mate of a personal friend of the writer.

Mr. WATLINGTON stated that last evening he was in company with friends at the home of Mrs. RAYMOND S. WADHAM, 27 Washington Square North. One of the persons in the group was Mrs. HARRY V. K. HENDERSON (MARTHA) 20 West 8th Street. He said the conversation got around to Communism and someone mentioned the name of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

Earlier, Mrs. HENDERSON made the statement that VIRGINIA BARNE~~S~~ who is the ex-wife of HOWARD BARNE~~S~~ and sister-in-law of JOSEPH BARNE~~S~~ of the "New York Star", with whom she is very friendly, told her that she was once in a group at her father-in-law's home in Connecticut in which were ALGER HISS, LAURENCE DUGGAN and HOWARD and JOSEPH BARNE~~S~~.

Mr. WATLINGTON said that Mrs. HENDERSON had mentioned that she had been interviewed that day concerning an individual named McCLELLAN. WATLINGTON asked if she had given this information about this group to the FBI or any other authorities. Mrs. HENDERSON answered that she had not and abruptly changed the subject.

Mr. WATLINGTON said that he was unable to ascertain any date when such a meeting occurred but that Mrs. HENDERSON indicated that it was about the time when the HISS-CHAMBERS association started. He was also unable to ascertain the location of the house in Connecticut of HOWARD and JOSEPH BARNE~~S~~ father. He said the situation was such that with the abrupt closing of the discussion that he could not say for certain whether the name CHAMBERS was included as among those who were present. He was also unable to comment on this.

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on what might be VIRGINIA BARNES or Mrs. HENDERSON'S attitude toward discussing this matter. He does not know VIRGINIA BARNES' address, but stated that it, of course, could be secured from Mrs. HENDERSON. He was asked whether contact with Mrs. HENDERSON would embarrass him, and said that it might, but he did not care about that, inasmuch as he had definitely stated his mind that any such information should be in the hands of the FBI.

It is suggested that if this information is not already in the possession of this office that Mrs. HENDERSON be interviewed to locate VIRGINIA BARNES so that Mrs. BARNES, who was present at the time could be interviewed to establish whether or not CHAMBERS was present with HISS and also to secure any information as to the subject of discussion.

RAYMOND P. WIRTH, SA



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Miss SCHWABE
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April 15, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

The next investigative report will cover the period up to April 19.
Please complete dictation by April 18.

A. J. TUOHY,
Special Agent

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: April 14, 1949

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

SUBJECT: JAHAM

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RE WFO letter to the Director dated April 4, 1949, with copies designated for the Philadelphia and New-York Offices and which letter requested the location and interview of FRANKLIN H. KISSNER.

KISSNER's mother was interviewed on April 12, 1949, at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and advised that her son resides at 24 W. 85th Street, New York City, Telephone Plaza 7-0579, and that his business address is TEXTRON, INC., 405 Fifth Avenue, New York, Telephone Murray Hill 9-2200. She advised that her son is a Vice President of TEXTRON.

The New York Office is requested to conduct the interview outlined by WFO in reference letter.

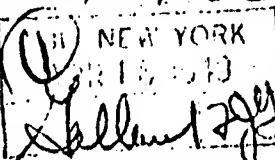
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April 11, 1949

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RE: JAHAM

On the morning of April 11, I spoke to Mr. Leo Laughlin at the Bureau to advise him that up to January 20, 1949, although we had interviewed CHAMBERS steadily, his expenses of travel, plus \$5 per day subsistence, had been paid by the Chief Clerk of the Court, Southern District of New York, on the basis of the Grand Jury subpoena. However, since January 20, he has only appeared five times before the Grand Jury. The rest of the time we have interviewed him and he has come to New York at our request. Mr. Donsgan has advised that he would be open to criticism if the expenses of these additional appearances in New York were paid for under the Grand Jury subpoena.

Mr. Laughlin was advised that a day by day check of the time CHAMBERS has spent in New York City reflects a total of \$340 due him now, through April 8. \$91 of this can be handled under the Grand Jury subpoena, but the remaining \$249 we believe should be handled by the Bureau. I pointed out that each round trip from Westminister, Maryland is \$22 and the remainder is subsistence at the rate of \$5 a day. I pointed out that it actually costs CHAMBERS more than this but we feel he should not stand this cost himself and that we should at least reimburse him for train fare plus \$5 per day. I advised further we should be finished with CHAMBERS late this week, so there will probably be another \$50 or less. I requested authority to pay CHAMBERS from the Confidential Fund. Mr. Laughlin advised the Bureau would take this under consideration.

A. H. BELMONT
ASACAHB:CTC
65-14920

4-19-49
Mr. H. B. Goldfarb
advised that the Bureau
authorized the above payment
of \$349 plus the additional
expenses during the week
or so preceding his call.
Before committing me to any
payment, and discuss with

65-14920-3275

F. B. I.
APR 11 1949
N. Y. C.
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Office Memorandum

• UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 4-18-49

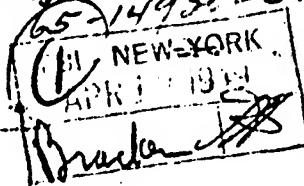
FROM : SAC, Boston

SUBJECT: JAHAM
PERJURY - ESPIONAGE RREGISTERED MAIL - (BOOKS)

In accordance with instructions set forth in your letter of April 15, 1949, there are being forwarded under separate cover the three guest books obtained from the Stearns Farm in Peterborough, New Hampshire.

As set forth in your letter, Mrs. STEARNS has requested that these books be returned to her in New York City.

See Exhibit A
FDO:B:ac
65-3251



SAC, NEW ORLEANS

April 15, 1949

SAC, CHICAGO

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, Was;
ALGER HISS; ET AL
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Enclosed is a copy of a New York letter to Chicago dated April 11, 1949 requesting that AL PHILIP RANDOLPH be interviewed while in Chicago on April 15, and two copies of photographs of ALGER and DONALD HISS.

RANDOLPH arrived in Chicago during the morning of April 15, and left the afternoon of the same day for New Orleans. Because of his schedule in Chicago it was not possible to interview him.

It was ascertained at the office of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Chicago, that RANDOLPH probably could be reached at the office of this organization in New Orleans but not later than Monday April 18, inasmuch as he is visiting various cities throughout the country.

New Orleans should attempt to contact RANDOLPH and interview him as requested in the enclosed New York letter.

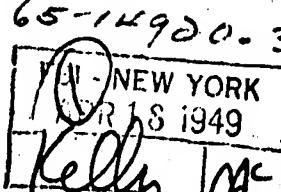
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cc: New York ✓

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SAC, Boston

April 15, 1949.

SAC, New York

JAHAM

PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R
(Boston File No. 65-3251)

Reference is made to your letter of April 12, 1949 concerning the guest books obtained from Stearns Farm, Peterborough, New Hampshire. Mrs. Stearns has requested that these books be returned to her in New York. Accordingly, it is requested that these registers be forwarded to New York for proper disposition.

LHB:EED
65-14920

JK Kelly

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65-14920-3217

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R,
INTERNAL SECURITY DASH R. VLADIMIR V. DE SVESHNIKOFF REINTERVIEWED
APRIL FOURTEEN LAST. AS ON PREVIOUS OCCASION WAS VAGUE IN STATEMENT
AND DIFFICULT TO INTERVIEW. HE FURNISHED FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING
STEPANOFF WHO OPERATED ENGINEERING COMPANY NEAR ADDRESS OF JOHN MATWIN
ONE ONE THREE THREE BROADWAY, NYC, LOCATED IN BUILDING THREE BLOCKS
FROM THIS ADDRESS ON SAME SIDE OF STREET. DE SVESHNIKOFF CLAIMS HE
MET STEPANOFF ABOUT NINETEEN TWENTYFIVE OR SIX. DID NOT KNOW HIM AT
RUSSIAN ARTILLERY COMMISSION. STATED BETWEEN DATE OF MEETING AND APRIL
THIRTYONE PERFORMED SERVICES FOR STEPANOFF SUCH AS PATENT SERACHES,
EXAMINATION OF TECHNICAL ARTICLES AND FINALLY ADMITTED SUPPLYING MILITARY
JOURNALS, RECEIVING PERIODIC PAYMENTS FROM STEPANOFF. DE SVESHNIKOFF
ALSO ADMITTED KNOWING JOHN MATWIN WHOM HE MET ABOUT SAME TIME,
TWENTYFIVE OR SIX, THROUGH RUSSIAN ACQUAINTANCES IN NY. DECLARED HE
DID NOT KNOW MATWIN DURING ARTILLERY COMMISSION DAYS IN WORLD WAR
STATED HE FURNISHED SERVICES TO MATWIN OF SOMEWHAT SIMILAR CHARACTER
NAMELY PATENT SEARCHES AND REPRESENTING MATWIN IN WASHINGTON BUT
FURNISHED MILITARY DATA OR JOURNALS TO MATWIN. ADVISED HE PERFORMED
SERVICES FOR MATWIN AS LATE AS FORTYTWO AND THREE WHEN MATWIN WAS
ASSOCIATED WITH FRENCHMAN NAMED ROUX AND RECALLED PATENT SEARCH CONNE

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P. O. I.
APR 15 1949
R. C.
ROUTED
Martin

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PAGE TWO

PAPER MILK BOTTLE ROUX INVENTED. DE SVESHNIKOFF DESCRIBED STEPANOFF AS FORTY TO FIFTY YEARS OF AGE, SHORT, RATHER FLAT FACED, AND LATER ADMITTED HE WAS BALDHEADED AND POSSIBLY WORE GLASSES. STATED MATWIN AND STEPANOFF WERE ACQUAINTED BUT NOT ASSOCIATED TOGETHER IN BUSINESS. HE LAST SAW MATWIN TWO OR THREE YEARS AGO WHEN MATWIN CAME THROUGH WASHINGTON ON WAY SOUTH. HE IS AWARE THAT MATWIN RESIDES GREENSBORO, N. C. NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWN TO DE SVESHNIKOFF WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION. LAST PICTURES DISPLAYED THOSE OF JOHN SHERMAN, DAVID ZIMMERMAN AND WILLIAM EDWARD CRANE. AFTER VIEWING THE LAST THREE PHOTOGRAPHS AND HAVING ATTENTION CALLED PARTICULARLY TO CRANE, DE SVESHNIKOFF BECAME VERY NERVOUS AND ANNOUNCED HE HAD TO LEAVE RIGHT AWAY. WAS QUESTIONED CONCERNING CRANE-S ALLEGATIONS AND BECAME HIGHLY PERTURBED. ANNOUNCED HE WAS VERY UPSET AND ABRUPTLY AROSE, PUT ON HIS COAT AND DEPARTED IN A VISIBLY DISTURBED CONDITION. REPORT FOLLOWS. REFERENCE IS MADE TO SUMMARY REPORT OF JOSEPH M. KELLY DATED MARCH THIRTY LAST AT NYC. IT APPEARS REFERENCE TO UNKNOWN RUSSIAN OFFICERS CONTAINS ERROR AND OFFICERS ONE AND TWO ARE REVERSED IN PARAGRAPH FOUR. ACCORDING TO LA WIRE, DATED FEBRUARY FOURTEEN LAST, UNKNOWN RUSSIAN NUMBER TWO IS DE SVESHNIKOFF AND WAS IDENTIFIED AS SUCH BY CRANE.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK
APRIL 15, 1949

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